

Bulletin

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Collegians To Speak**Conduct Friday Evening Symposium;
Dance Tonight, Have Tea at Steinberg**

The annual Collegiate Service will be held in the Synagogue once again this Friday evening, December 27th, at 8:30 o'clock. For almost the past decade it has been the practice of the Congregation to invite those of college age who have been active in its schools and other activities to share the pulpit during the Sabbath of the winter recess from school.

The general subject for the evening will be "Jewish Youth and the College Community." The participants who have been invited to discuss various phases of the problem are: Naomi Gold, Vassar College; Naomi Levin, University of Michigan; Iris Grass, Wellesley College; Arthur Cohen, University of Chicago; William Z. Puttermann, Colgate University; and Sanford Hahn, Queens College. George Osserman, President of the Collegiate Society and a student at Columbia College, will preside at the Symposium and at the discussion which will follow in the vestry.

In order to cover the material within the general framework of the topic, the various speakers will cover specific areas in their presentations. The question of the effect of campus experiences on the Jewish student's role in campus and Jewish life will be covered by Miss Grass and Messrs. Cohen and Hahn. William Puttermann and Naomi Gold will discuss the influences of home and synagogue upon the development of Jewish loyalties and activity on the part of collegiates. Naomi Levin will devote her presentation to a discussion of the place of college authorities and their responsibility for development of a sense of loyalty to one's own group, especially in terms of minority cultures.

Mr. Osserman will introduce the vari-

ous speakers, and Rabbi Kertzer will serve as moderator and discussion leader when the Sabbath service is adjourned for a more general discussion and *Oneg Shabbat* in the vestry.

An informal "get acquainted" dance is being arranged by the Collegiate Society in the synagogue vestry for tonight, December 23rd. It will be the first in a series of social events sponsored by the group for its members and for all collegiates interested during this midwinter recess. It was announced by George Osserman, Society President, that his group is indebted to Temple Emanuel's collegiate organization for its assistance in arranging this particular affair, and also for their general help in getting the Park Avenue Synagogue Collegiate Society under way. A large number of the Emanuelites are expected to attend tonight, and our young people are invited to a dance at Temple Emanuel on Saturday evening, December 28th, at 8:30 o'clock.

At the same time Mr. Osserman extended an invitation to all collegiates to be the guests of Rabbi and Mrs. Steinberg and Rabbi and Mrs. Kertzer at a tea and reception on Saturday afternoon, December 28th from 4 to 5:30 o'clock at the home of Rabbi Steinberg, 145 East 92nd Street.

**Congregation Enjoys
Hanukkah Party**

A most pleasant congregational family get-together was enjoyed by the members of the Park Avenue Synagogue at the *Hanukkah* party last Tuesday evening, December 17th. Thanks and congratulations are due to Mrs. Grace Gilbert, under whose chairmanship the party was such a successful event, and to Clara L. Ostriker, who produced and directed "A Sound of Music," the radio drama presented.

"A Sound of Music" is the true story of the pianist, Adolph Baller, and was written by Morton Wishengrad. It was originally presented as one of "The Eternal Light" programs on the National Broadcasting Company networks under the auspices of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

The script was well-handled and interpreted. Edith and Adolph Baller were played by Clara L. Ostriker and Victor Herwitz; the liturgical music was sung by Cantor David Puttermann; and the remainder of the cast included: Ada Gordon, Helen Wimpfheimer, Violet Friedman, Sanford Hahn, Louis I. Heller, and Alan R. Puttermann. Isidore Geller was at the organ, while Dorothy Davis was the pianist, and Helen Godwin served as musical prompter. Sound effects were managed by Fannie S. Cohen, assisted by David Steinberg, and the lighting by June Rosenthal.

Compliments are also in order to the Synagogue Choir for the program of *Hanukkah* music, and to Mrs. Dorothy Gellert and her able committee of hostesses for the fine refreshments served.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**SABBATH EVE**

Friday, Dec. 27th, 8:30 o'clock
Collegiate Symposium on
"Jewish Youth and The College
Community"

Saturday, Dec. 28th, 10 a.m.
Junior Congregation Service
at 10:30 a.m.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**SABBATH EVE**

Friday, Jan. 3rd, 8:30 o'clock
Rabbi Steinberg will preach on
"Body and Soul"

New Light on an Old Dualism
Saturday, Jan. 4th, 10 a.m.
Junior Congregation Service
at 10:30 a.m.

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**From the Desk of
Rabbi Steinberg**

The World Zionist Congress now assembled in Basle has two major issues before it:

One: Shall it agree to the partition of Palestine and, if so, on what terms as to extent, immigration and autonomy? This question is as sure to be hotly debated as it is likely to be irrelevant, since the British government has so far given no evidence of favoring partition in any guise, let alone in one which would allow for mass Jewish immigration.

Two: What form shall Jewish resistance take? That some kind of resistance will be required seems, alas, only too plausible. But to resist Britain without endangering the very existence of the *Yishuv*, without splintering Palestinian Jewry between its disciplined and intemperate elements, and without gangsterizing Jewish youth—that will take some doing.

And yet it is a job that no matter how fraught with peril must be ventured. Justice and the desperate plight of the D. P.'s unite to make it inescapable.

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Koestler's *Thieves in the Night* has been the occasion for all sorts of observations. To me it seems to provide a fearful indication of the moral strain to which British policy in Palestine has subjected Jews, indeed all lovers of fair play. Here is Koestler who in *Darkness at Noon* and *The Yogi and the Commissar* dedicated himself to denying that ends can ever justify means, to proving that all violence, no matter how idealistically motivated, corrupts and destroys. Yet, when set in the situation of Palestinian Jews, he emerges all but committed to a course not merely of resistance but of terror.

Among Britain's sins this is far from the least; that it has turned a peaceful community engaged in constructive labors into one vast underground, and has driven multitudes, including men of such indisputable good will as is Koestler, to the endorsement of bloodshed.

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Perhaps the highest tribute which can be paid to I. F. Stone's *By Underground to Palestine* is this: that though it raises the reader's blood pressure and kindles his sense of outrage over the treatment which has been meted out to Europe's homeless Jews, its final and lasting effects are not sadness and disheartenment but exhilaration and resolve. No one can read Stone's description of D. P.'s stealing into Palestine without the impulse to salute them for their pluck and will to live, and without experiencing a quickened determination to help them on their way to a new and decent life.

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That was a staggering quota which the United Jewish Appeal adopted in Atlantic City: 170 million dollars. In raising 100 millions the Jews of America contributed as no other large community in all history has ever given voluntarily to any cause. And now that mountainous sum raise, a new and even larger responsibility has been assumed.

Against the vastness of the goal, however, these considerations must be set:

1. The Jews of Europe and Palestine will need every penny of it. With UNRRA folding up and the United States Army facing reduced appropriations, those Jews depend on us with terrible actuality.

2. No American Jew impoverished himself, or even discommoded himself seriously, to raise the 100 million dollars of last year.

3. We owe it to the cause of human decency that these abused and neglected waifs shall not be further abused and neglected in consequence of our complacency.

Perhaps the keenest utterance along these lines came from one of our own Synagogue members who attended the Atlantic City Conference. Responding to someone who argued that the quota adopted was nearly astronomical, he challenged:

"The world let them down; will we?"

—MILTON STEINBERG

CLUBS GROW

Our clubs are gathering strength. The latest count shows about 100 children now enrolled in the School Club Program.

School Highlights

With this issue we initiate a series of visits to each of the classes in both the Sunday and Hebrew sessions of the Religious School. Starting with the youngest we look in today on Class 1 of the Sunday School, a group of 5½ and 6½ year olds, whose teacher is Miss Hadasah Fain.

"*Hineh-ni*" starts the morning off with that special Sunday School touch. It means, "Here am I," and is the automatic response to Roll Call. Then comes Bible Story Time followed by lively discussion of Jacob's wonderful ladder or Joseph's multi-colored coat. The "doing" part of the session includes the acting out of stories, making things with clay, scissors, paper, paint, crayon, as well as playing games—all with some Jewish connotation. For *Hanukkah* the children made *Menorahs* and sang this song as they worked:

I'd like to be a Maccabee
So strong and brave and bold.
And fight and win each fight I'm in,
But I am only six years old!

As its part in the *Hanukkah* Entertainment, Class 1 formed a tuneful rhythm band and bang-banged away over a happy *Hanukkah* melody. The children expressed their joy over the victory still more actively with a little dance.

The morning ends each week with singing and dancing to Palestinian tunes. Two of the class's favorites are the *Paava Achit* and the *Sham B'erez Yisroel* folk dances.

With routine matters quickly disposed of—collection of charity money (*Keren Ami*), distribution of "World Over Magazine," donning of hats and coats,—the big word is "Shalom" and class is dismissed.

Included on the roster are: Susan Appelman, Michael Aaron, Ronnie Aronson, Anthony Berns, Peter Bienstock, Susan Druss, and Andrew Radin.

ATTEND U. J. A.**CONFERENCE**

Noted among the active members present at the recent U. J. A. Conference in Atlantic City, were Mr. Barney Balaban, Mr. I. M. Cohen and Mrs. Abraham N. Geller.

Jewish University Provokes Varied Opinions from Members

THE BULLETIN, following the announcement that Rabbi Steinberg would speak on the subject of a Jewish University, took the occasion to ask four members of the Congregation for their opinions, without regard to Rabbi Steinberg's point of view. The results were three to one in favor of a Jewish University, the dissenter being one of the women asked. While THE BULLETIN makes no claim that this represents the viewpoint of the Congregation as a whole, the points made are of sufficient interest to warrant publication.

Dr. E. D. Friedman, Chief of the Neurology Department of Bellevue Medical School, who is a Jewish scholar and has long been an active participant in the Synagogue, writes:

"The establishment of a Jewish University in the United States would emphasize the historical, spiritual and cultural aspects of the Jewish tradition.

"The diversity in American life would be expressed through such an institution. It would carry out the thought of the late President Charles W. Eliot, of Harvard, that America is a mosaic of civilizations rather than a melting pot. It would also be in line with the advocacy of cultural pluralism by most of our modern sociologists.

"As is well known, universities and colleges in the United States were begun by religious groups and have gradually become non-sectarian in character. The establishment of a Jewish University at the present time would therefore be in the American tradition. Its contribution to American life would consist in part of the education of the non-Jew regarding the contribution to the spiritual and intellectual life of America by its Jewish citizens. It would also prove a test for the theory of the anti-Zionist that we are only a religious group.

"Finally, the destruction of the European centers of Jewish culture makes it incumbent upon us to cultivate our historical assets in the free soil of America and thus make our contribution to its cultural life."

Another favorable opinion came from Mr. Harold L. Seligson, who is not only a practicing lawyer, but head of the Practicing Law Institute. He declared:

"For many years, I have felt that the establishment of a Jewish University in this country is needed. Many outstanding Universities were established by reli-

gious groups. Our failure to do so has not helped in reducing discrimination against Jewish students and Jewish faculty members.

"A Jewish University, of course, should be open to all students and its teaching should be free and non-sectarian. In this way, we may add to our contribution to America."

Mrs. Bertha Gold, a member of the faculty at Hunter College, who has been active both on the School Board and in the Sisterhood expressed her approval in the following statement:

"The unprecedented demand for a college education has thrown into bold relief the inadequacy of the available facilities. The establishment of a Jewish University represents, however, more than the opportunity to add to the existing institutions of higher learning. One of its prime objectives should be to create for all of its students an educational experience which (to paraphrase Ralph Barton Perry) is geared to man's "higher callings" and therefore triumphs over his "shortcomings." A Jewish University embodies in its name not only the highest aspirations of the human spirit but also arises as the exponent of democratic ideals."

Mrs. Milton Grass, who is a member of the Adult Education Committee of the Synagogue, active in the League of Women Voters, and also the Sisterhood, disagreed with the point of view not only of the two gentlemen, but also the ideas

expressed by Rabbi Steinberg. She said:

"In the mind of Jew and non-Jew, the establishment of a Jewish University will be inevitably linked to the matter of discrimination in college admissions. With its development will be associated the factor of segregation rather than the creating of equality of educational opportunity through provision of additional facilities. Higher education will lag in meeting its role in the educational development of the student if we thus set the pattern of segregation and not require that the minority member be an integral part of the student body in a democratic setting.

"When a minority group operates educational institutions to meet its special group need, the concept that education is a function of the public welfare is vitiated. Private colleges and universities, 'public' in the sense that they are tax exempt and are in large part endowed by public-spirited citizens, should be exposed to face up to the charge of unfair practices in admissions. Minority group members must urge legislative measures that will align government function and educational agency responsibility to meet the wider base of interest in higher education."

It was Rabbi Steinberg's opinion, as expressed in his recent Friday evening sermon, that a Jewish University is vitally needed today due to the exigency of the present situation. After pointing out that in a sense, such a University is only a stopgap, he expressed greater interest in a University of Jewish Studies, such as is planned by the Jewish Theological Seminary. This, he said, would enrich Jewish life, and remove the stagnation which is keeping Judaism in a static state.

ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEES

The working groups of the Adult Education Committee were recently announced by Mr. Harold H. Levin, Chairman of the Committee. These groups are as follows:

The Committee on Courses will have as its Chairman, Mrs. Harold R. Starkman who will be assisted by Mr. Mitchell Leventhal, Mrs. Rose J. Bloudheim, Mrs. Harry Gold, Mrs. Harold Seligson and Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Wyler.

Mr. Harold Starkman will be Chairman of the Committee on Finance and he will be aided by Mr. Benjamin Grass and Mrs. William Karmiol.

Mrs. Mitchell Leventhal and Mrs. Rose J. Bloudheim will be Co-Chairmen of the Committee on Hospitality and will

be aided by Mrs. Benjamin Gross, Mrs. William Karmiol, Mrs. Harold R. Starkman, and Mrs. Moe Turman.

The Committee on Lectures will have Mr. Harold R. Starkman and Mrs. D. Leonard Cohen as Co-Chairmen. Also on the Committee will be Dr. and Mrs. David Abrahamsen, Mr. D. Leonard Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Saul Godwin, Mr. Dudley Greenstein, Dr. and Mrs. William Karmiol, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Miller, Mrs. Harold Seligson and Mrs. Joseph Hammerman.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Leonard Cohen will be Co-Chairmen of the Committee on Publicity and will be assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Miller, Mr. Howard Kieval and Miss Jo Levy. (Cont. on Page 4)

SPECIAL NOTICE FOR "YOUNG MARRIEDS"

A program has been launched which should be of especial interest to the young married couples of our congregation, which includes children of members or people who have been reared in our Synagogue who have been married within the last five years or so.

These "young marrieds" are organizing themselves into small informal social and discussion groups which will meet at one another's homes at regular intervals for the purpose of coming to know one another and for the informal instruction in whatever aspects of Jewish life are of most immediate appeal. To preserve the informality of these groups, each is being limited to from ten to fifteen couples.

One such group has already been organized. Others are being planned. The entire program is under the immediate leadership of Rabbis Steinberg and Kertzer.

A cordial invitation is extended to any young married couples in our Synagogue who have not yet been drawn into this program but who wish to be. They are asked to indicate their interest by writing to Rabbi Steinberg at the Synagogue.

Bas Mitzvah

The Bas Mitzvah of Miss Muriel Gold, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Harry Gold, took place on Saturday morning, December 21st.

Anniversary

We take pleasure in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Allan who will celebrate their twentieth wedding anniversary on December 26th.

Engagement

The Synagogue very happily notes the engagement of Miss Susan Peiper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Peiper, to Mr. Arthur Ochs, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ochs.

Marriages

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Max Chusid on the marriage of their son, Harry to Miss Phyllis Cole.

Best wishes to Mr. Lloyd Schaper on his marriage to Mrs. Doris Cohen Brinn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isidore M. Cohen.

Deaths

The Synagogue regretfully announces the death of Mrs. Bertha Kafka Holzman, mother of Dr. J. Easton Holzman; of Mrs. Harriet Cronson, mother of Mrs. Joseph Lubin; of Mr. Isaac Rothschild, husband of Mrs. Millie Rothschild; and of Clara Lehman, for many years an officer of the Sisterhood.

Rabbi Zimet Recovers

Members of the Park Avenue Synagogue will be happy to know that Rabbi Erwin Zimet has completely recovered from his recent illness. He has left the hospital and is now at home in Poughkeepsie. For the first time since September, "at home" to the Zimets means having all three of them under the same roof. With the help of his congregants, Rabbi Zimet has succeeded in finding an apartment, although to Mrs. Zimet's chagrin, "Pussy" can't have her own room." "Pussy" is their daughter, Miriam Ann, now 15 months old.

Congregation Beth-El in Poughkeepsie is affording Rabbi Zimet an opportunity to organize many activities including a religious school. In this regard, Mrs. Zimet's talents are also being utilized, for she is teaching in their well-rounded program, which includes a week-day school as well as a weekend program.

Younger Group Entertains

An interesting and enjoyable *Hanukkah* program was presented to the members of the Religious School on Sunday morning, December 22nd in the vestry. The program consisted of a Candle ceremony, Rhythm Band, *Hanukkah* dance, and a short play. A community sing closed the morning's festivities.

During the afternoon and evening of December 23rd the Senior clubs of the Religious school will participate in an all-Manhattan Senior Judean *Hanukkah* program, which will be held at B'nai Jeshurun Congregation, 270 W. 89th St.

Beautiful clay *Hanukkah* menorahs made by the Junior clubs have been on display all during the holiday week. In honor of Jewish Book month all the classes of the Hebrew School visited the exhibit prepared by the library of the 92nd Street Y.M. and Y.W.H.A.

WILL YOU ATTEND?

Monday, Dec. 23rd, 8:30 p.m.—Collegiate Dance in the Synagogue vestry.

Saturday, Dec. 28th, 4 p.m.—Collegiate Tea at Rabbi Steinberg's home, 145 East 92nd Street.

Sunday, Jan. 5th, 8:30 p.m.—Junior League Symposium in the vestry.

Junior League Contributors

In keeping with their policy of supporting the work of Jewish youth groups, the Junior League has pledged three hundred dollars to *Youth Aliyah*, an organization for the rescue and rehabilitation of refugee Jewish children. A very successful dance for this purpose was attended by three hundred and fifty young people on December 22nd.

The League has recently been enlarged by the addition of ten new members. These members were welcomed into the group at the meeting of December 15th.

On Sunday, January 5th, the League will present its second Symposium on a current provocative topic. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting in the Vestry Room at 8:15 P.M. A study circle, to meet with Rabbi Kertzer, is being formed to discuss Jewish problems of current and vital interest. Those interested in attending may contact the group through Miss Jo Levy, in care of the Synagogue.

ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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Mrs. Milton Grass with Mrs. Saul Godwin as Co-Chairmen will head the Committee on Symposia and will be aided by Dr. and Mrs. David Abrahamsen, Mr. Saul Godwin, Mr. Dudley Greenstein, Dr. and Mrs. William Karmiol, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Miller and Mrs. Harold Seligson.

Registration for the Courses will be taken care of by Mrs. Harold R. Starkman and Mrs. Rose J. Blondheim.

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